

HIS FAMILY FIRST.

List of Cregier's Relatives Now Holding City Offices.

The *Inter Ocean* publishes the following:

"The Cregier family is in high feather," said a politician yesterday who is well up in current events, when speaking in reference to the manner in which the head of the administration has provided for his relatives in the City Hall.

"He has found a soft berth for most of his sons, and I guess if the truth were known some of the cousins are in on the deal. I understand the old man is a little crusty on this subject and is liable to go off the tangent if the matter is broached to him. You see, there was a good deal of kicking done at the time the Mayor made his appointments because Chailey Crain was made Oil Inspector. He worked that matter pretty smooth. You remember there was an ordinance passed to give half the fees of the Oil Inspector's office to the city. It is supposed the fees amount to about \$15,000 a year. They decided that the ordinance could not apply to Crain because it was passed after his appointment. Crain, you know, is Cregier's son-in-law. Well, put down \$15,000 for Son-in-law Crain.

"Then put down \$7,000 for the Mayor.

"Banks Cregier, the Mayor's oldest son, is the electrician for the North Side Pumping Station. I don't know how much there is in it. I think he is the son who has privileges of the bridge advertising, so we will put the whole income he derives through his father being Mayor at \$2,500.

"Dewitt C. Cregier, Jr., is assistant oil inspector, and I suppose makes \$1,500.

"Roger Cregier, the third son, is in the Comptroller's office, and we will put him down for another \$1,500.

"The Mayor has two other sons, but they are quite small. I suppose they will be provided for during the summer vacation.

"De Witt C. Wells, in the special assessment office, is the Mayor's nephew. He draws \$1,600.

"M. B. Wells, his brother, has a place under the City Collector worth \$1,500. I can't tell you the names of the other relatives or where they are located, but I have no doubt that there are more.

"Did you foot the salaries up? They aggregate \$30,000, don't they?"

"Pretty good income for one family, eh?"

HERE IS THE LAW.

Let the People Read the Law Which Cregier Declines to Enforce.

Citizens of Chicago! Cut out this extract from the laws of Illinois. Paste it in your scrap book. Mark it as a law which the present Mayor of Chicago refuses to enforce. Remember that it was passed by the Legislature of Illinois to protect the people of the State against robbery on the part of gambling thieves and scheming card sharps.

Remember that this is not enforced. Remember that all of the gambling houses are open.

Remember that the gamblers' trust is relieving the poor workingmen, minors, fathers, husbands, and boys of \$200,000 a month.

Thus remembering, do not lose sight of the fact that D. C. Cregier, also known as Old-Man-Not-Afraid-of-His-Whiskers, is the Mayor who refuses to enforce it.

Here is your law:

"SECTION 127. Whoever keeps a common gaming house, or in any building, booth, yard, garden, boat or float, by him or his agent used and occupied, procures or permits any persons to frequent, or to come together to play for money or other valuable thing, at any game, or keeps or suffers to be kept any tables or other apparatus for the purpose of playing at any game or sport, for money or any other valuable thing, or knowingly rents any such place for such purposes, shall, upon conviction for the first offense, be fined not less than \$100, and for the second offense be fined not less than \$500, and be confined in the county jail not less than six months, and for the third offense shall be fined not less than \$500, and be imprisoned in the penitentiary not less than two years nor more than five years."

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"What is this Press Clippings?" exclaimed a prominent editor from Cincinnati, who was visiting Chicago, to a *Herold* reporter yesterday. "I have tried everywhere to get a copy of the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, and am not every-where with the reply, we cannot supply you with it, as our contract with the Press Clipping Bureau calls for all our exchanges."

A *Herold* reporter was detailed to go with the editor to Room 10, Times Building, where the Bureau of Press Clippings occupies a suit of five rooms.

Mr. Frank A. Burdette, the Manager, was found, and asked to explain what in mischief he meant by using all the thousands of exchanges that come to Chicago every day, and what his system meant anyway. He was perfectly willing to give the information.

As his information was in the nature of a huge surprise to all, and as it shows just what a genius for starting new and much needed enterprises is found in Chicago, it is given in full.

Just look in there, said Mr. Burdette, showing us into a large hall where a number of ladies were at work with scissors, blue pencils and paste pots, clipping and mounting items from the papers before them. And such a pile of papers! The floor was literally covered with papers in all stages of clipped delapidation for the depth of two or three feet.

"How is that for an exchange editor's room?" asked Mr. Burdette. "No three newspapers in the world ever had such a huge list of exchanges at one time. They are from all quarters of the globe and range from the large magazines and dailies down to the patent inside. These are all carefully read and such items as are designated of interest to clients are clipped and mounted on slips, showing name of paper, date and where published and then the items are classified and sent to clients."

"Now we edit all these," said Mr. Burdette, "same as is done by the daily papers, only more carefully. We handle over 75,000 items per month."

"Our name, Press Clippings, explains itself and our scheme is simple enough. We furnish prominent men and women with what the press of the country may say about them or their movements, and data on any subject they may be specially interested in."

"For example. Here is a collection of all comment by the press of the country relative to the life and death of Jefferson Davis. That pile represents over 2,000 items which could not possibly have been accumulated by any one individual."

"In addition to this work we run what we call our Information Department. To this department go all clippings relative to all manner of construction, and the items are sorted out under the following heads: Municipal, Police, Electricity, Bridges, Paving, Grading and Macadamizing, Sewers and Waterworks, Street Railways, New Railroads and Extensions, Large Buildings, Small Buildings, Schools and Churches, Mills and Factories, Theatres and Hotels, Bank Buildings and Organizations, Fire Hose and Apparatus, Incorporations, Awards of Contracts, Plans Wanted and Coming Events."

"We issue a typewritten sheet each day under each and every one of those heads and these sheets go to the clients interested in the different subjects enumerated. They are in the nature of pointers and are invaluable to contractors and supply houses seeking business."

"We do not rely solely upon Press Clippings as you will see by this blank, on which is enumerated every conceivable thing that goes into the construction of a building."

"These blanks go to all persons mentioned in sheets as about to build, with request for verification and specifications, and are also in the hands of a large number of architects in the different parts of the country, who are under contract with us to furnish specifications of plans drawn by them and then compare them with these and these specifications as received are incorporated into our reports."

"To have accomplished this represents an immense outline of time and cash, but we do not feel that we have reached perfection as yet, and are still striving to improve."

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"A complete system of exchange is made between here and New York by express daily, so that any Western customer wishing for the Eastern Reports can get them from here each day and vice versa."

"So, you see, Press Clippings is a huge concern. It not only uses up all the exchanges in Chicago but you will find as much difficulty in finding any given paper in New York or Boston, and outside of the exchanges obtained from the different papers we also receive a mail larger than any one office in Chicago."

"I can assure you that no matter of value or interest to our customers, is ever overlooked."

"H—oh, yes, we will clip for you, certainly," and the *Herold* reporter left, as the Cincinnati man subscribed for the scheme.

THERE is a queerly matched couple in Atlanta. The husband weighs 130 pounds and the wife 300 pounds. When they were married the man weighed 150 and the woman 120.

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